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Time Enough to Run 25 Feet

2d Shot Stilled Mrs. Meyer

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The man Henry Wiggins saw leaning over the body looked straight at him, Henry Wiggins testified yesterday, and the man was Ray Crump Jr., he said.

Mr. Wiggins took the stand in Crump's murder trial in District Court here after Deputy Coroner William Rayford testified that Mrs. Mary Pinchot Meyer, 43-year-old socialite and friend of Jackie Kennedy, had died from two bullet wounds fired at close range, inflicted while she took her usual midday walk along the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal towpath last Oct. 12.

According to the indictment against Crump, a 26-year-old Negro, the slaying was simple, pre-meditated murder.

Mrs. Meyer had left her studio at the rear of 3325 N-st nw, wearing the paint-spattered sneakers and slacks of her avocation, plus three sweaters, for the day was clear but crisp. Crump, colored, 26, of 1908 Stanton Terrace se, was similarly garbed for the weather, with a plaid cap on and a tan jacket over his sweat shirt.

MEDICAL VIEW

Dr. Rayford said that what was obviously the first shot was not enough to kill Mrs. Meyer. She could have struggled with her assailant and run 25 feet, he said, even tho that bullet had

passed thru her head from just in front of her left ear.

The second wound, from a bullet that went thru her lung and severed the aorta, killed her, Dr. Rayford said.

Mr. Wiggins said that he was driving along Canal Road nw to service a disabled car when he heard a shot and a woman scream.

"God, somebody help me," were the words he heard, he testified.

When he stopped his car and ran to a wall and looked down on the towpath, he said, he saw a man bending over a body. The man, who was wearing a tan jacket and plaid cap, looked up straight at him, he said, and it was Ray Crump Jr.

As the trial before District Judge Howard Corcoran and a jury of seven women and five men continues, Mr. Hantman will bring on witnesses to show that Crump discarded his jacket and cap in flight into the Potomac, according to the opening statement.

"It is a classic textbook case

of circumstantial evidence," Mr. Hantman told the jury.

Police promptly arrived and sealed off escape, after Mr. Wiggins sounded the alarm, and Crump was apprehended and identified by Mr. Wiggins. He was soaking wet, but told police he had been fishing in the Potomac nearby and had fallen asleep and slipped into the water with his gear, Mr. Hantman said.

But, Mr. Hantman said, no fishing gear was found after an exhaustive search by police, and Crump's relatives would testify that he carried no gear when he left home that morning. And, his fishing pole was found in his closet.